'True Utes' take over at the Fort

All functions of the Ute Tribal Council are at a standstill at Fort Duchesne as offices remain closed having been taken over Monday by a group of dissatisified Indians who classify themselves as the "True Utes."

APPROXIMATELY 30 of the so-called"True Utes" walked into the tribal office Monday morning at 11 o'clock and announced they were taking over. Office workers, who had been warned in abvance, simply walked out and have remained on an unexpected vacation since that time.

"There has been no trouble and none is expected," Supt. Martin Zollar of the Uintah-Ouray Agency said, when contacted relative to the situation.

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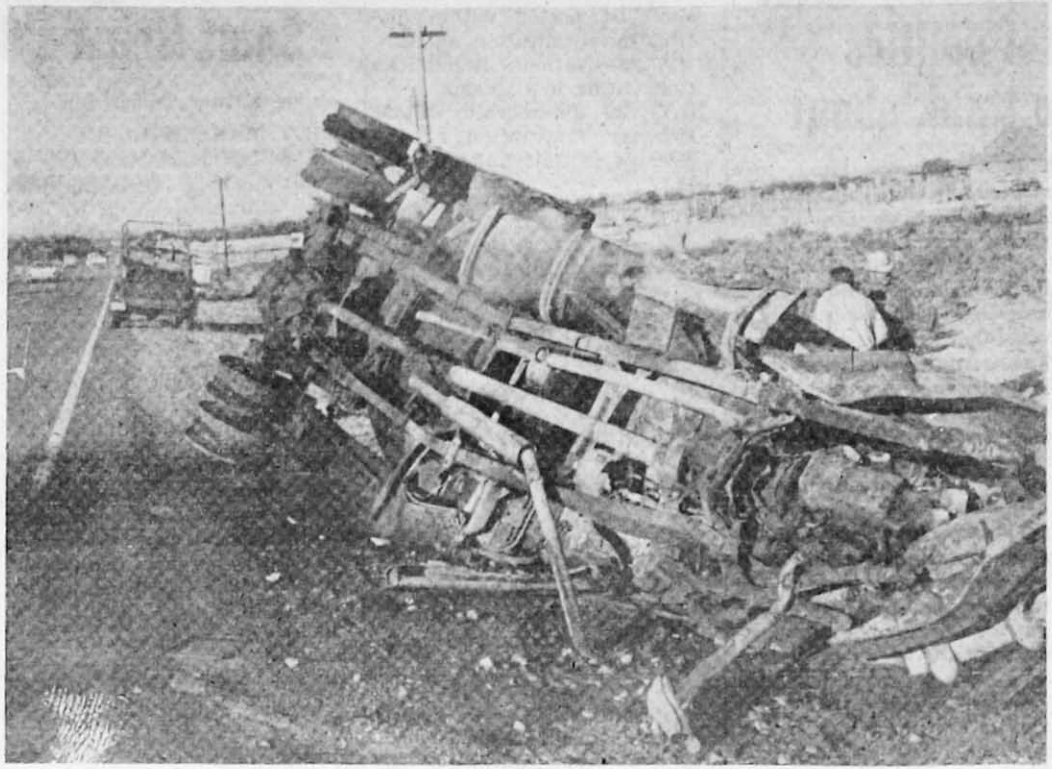

Where family burned to death

This ready-mix concrete truck carried a family of three to a firey death as Utah highway casualties continue to mount. Truck lies on side after fire stripped it of all burnable equipment and took the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hanson and their 3-year-old daughter, Debra Lynn. Parents died in blazing inferno, and child succumbed enroute to Salt Lake City hospital after being thrown from truck.

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They have no authority and can't do anything, except keep the offices locked. We won't do anything but will await orders from the Department of Indian Affairs in Washington, which we expect momentarily," Mr. Zollar told the Standard Wednesday morning.

IT WAS RUMORED about the Fort Wednesday morning, that Brig. Gen. Herbert C. Holdridge of Sherman Oaks, Calif., who is more or less the self-appointed leader of the "True Utes", was in Fort Duchesne. He had not made a public appearance by 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. He has strongly criticized the government's handling of U.S. Indian affairs and has incited groups to protest to local councils.

THE "TRUE Utes" have done this before, Mr. Zollar said. But usually Indian officials have been able to settle things in a couple of hours of talk. But this time, talk was of no avail.

The so-called "True Utes", he said, are against the Indians of mixed-blood (white or other tribes).

"THEY CLAIM they're not getting full benefits . . . They object to the way the council spends some of the money—travel programs to develop resources, recreation and all that."

CONTRARY TO reports circulated throughout the state and nation, government offices at Fort Duchesne have not been bothered. Only tribal offices which include all phases of their program are being barricaded and kept locked by the invaders.